



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MINUTES

MONDAY

JULY 19, 2021

6:00 P.M.

*In Attendance:*

*Mayor Shelby Wright  
Councilor Eric Jarvi  
Councilor Mark Cormier  
Councilor Ivan McPike  
Councilor Allen Esposito  
Councilor Peter Erickson  
Councilor Christine Cubberley*

*Paula Scott, Town Manager  
Gayle C. Decker, Town Clerk  
Victor Smith, Public Works Director  
Other Members of the Public*

*Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m*

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Mayor Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**Motion:** *Councilor Jarvi moved to approve the agenda with the removal of item K. Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Esposito. Vote 7-0*

*Resolution: 2021 - 146*

C. CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion:** *Councilor McPike moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote 7-0*

*Resolution: 2021 - 147*

1. SIGNATURES

2. COUNCIL MINUTES

3. COMMUNICATIONS

4. COMMITTEE MINUTES

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

E. POLICY AGENDA

1. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

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2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. For questions or comments regarding the status of the Pine Tree Landfill and the water quality.

*Mayor Wright turned the gavel over to Deputy Mayor Jarvi for the public hearing.*

**Motion:** Councilor Esposito moved to go into public hearing, seconded by Councilor McPike. Vote 7-0

Resolution: 2021 – 148

*Town Consultant, Matt Reynolds of Drumlin Environmental, LLC presented a summary of the Pine Tree Landfill and Water Quality Report.*

**Motion:** After Council questions and public comments Councilor McPike moved to come out of public hearing, seconded by Councilor Esposito. Vote 7-0

Resolution: 2021 – 149

*Deputy Mayor Jarvi turned the gavel back over to Mayor Wright.*

3. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS

- a. Public Notice – Nomination Papers are available for November 2, 2021 Municipal Election.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Councilor Jarvi reported on the 7/12/21 Council Workshop.*

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Council determination of rate of interest to be applied to be paid on overpaid and abated taxes – pursuant to Title 36 MRSA Section 506-A

**Motion:** Councilor McPike moved to apply an interest rate of 2% for paid and overpaid abated taxes, with no second motion fails.

**Motion:** Councilor Jarvi pursuant to Title 36 MRSA Section 506-A moved Council establish a 4% interest rate on tax overpayments and abatements, seconded by Councilor Cormier. Vote 5-2

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- b. Council award of Route 1A Western Ave Traffic Signal Design, *requested by Victor Smith, Public Works Director.*

*Public Works Director Victor Smith discussed the RFP sent out. One engineering firm put in a proposal. He recommends accepting that proposal for the design of the traffic signal.*

**Motion:** *Councilor Jarvi moved Council award the Route 1-A traffic signal design to Seawall in an amount not to exceed \$35,885.00, seconded by Councilor Esposito. Vote 7-0*

*Resolution: 2021 - 151*

- c. Council action on permanently changing the physical location of Hampden's Voting Place from the Municipal Building, 106 Western Avenue, to the Skehan Recreation Center, 1 Main Road North.

**Motion:** *Councilor McPike moved to permanently change the physical location of Hampden's Voting Place to the Skehan Recreation Center, 1 Main Road North, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote 5-2*

*Resolution: 2021 - 152*

- d. Council action on a resolution to officially name the Grist Mill Bridge the Wheeler Grist Mill Bridge, *referred from workshop.*

**Motion:** *Councilor Jarvi moved Council permanently change the name of the Grist Mill Bridge to Wheeler Grist Mill Bridge, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote 7-0*

*Resolution: 2021 - 153*

I. MANAGER'S REPORT

Attached Exhibit A.

J. COUNCILOR'S COMMENTS

Councilor Cormier – No comment.

Councilor McPike – No comment.

Councilor Cubberley – No comment.

Councilor Erickson – No comment.

Councilor Esposito - *So something I do want to talk about just real quick. I just want to put these phone numbers out there. I feel it's rather important. It's been a rough year and a half, if you're feeling down, if you're feeling hopeless, depressed, please reach out to one of these two following numbers. The Suicide Hotline 1-800-273-8255 and if you're a veteran you could also reach out to the veterans hotline as well. 1-800-273-8255 option one, and just you know, speak your mind.*

Councilor Jarvi – No comment.

Councilor Wright – No comment.

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- K. EXECUTIVE SESSION - pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. section 405(6)(c) to include the Town Manager and Economic Development Director.

*Executive Session was stricken from the Agenda.*

- L. ADJOURNMENT

*Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Gayle C. Decker, Town Clerk*

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